

# Sheriff dept. grant aimed at DWI

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Drunken drivers watch out. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Department has received a grant to pay deputies to patrol the county in search of people behind the wheel who chose to drink a bit too much.

**Newport** "I hope to make Sullivan County a safer place for residents and visitors," Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Prozzo said.

The DWI patrol grant is completely funded by New Hampshire Highway Safety and pays the overtime shifts of deputies who are out on patrol, according to Prozzo. In total, there will be 15 four-hour shifts in different areas of the county beginning July 1 and ending Sept. 15.

Since January 1995, Prozzo said he has received

grants for his department totaling \$1,566,341 for equipment and salaries.

"I think it's the appropriate thing to do," Prozzo said. "They're there for us to use."

The department also recently received a \$10,000 grant from highway safety to pay for a portion of the cost of four new video cameras for the Sheriff Department's cruisers.

"It's a unique camera," Prozzo said. "There is one on the rear deck, one in front and one for the back seat."

The cameras use digital recording and all four will cost a total of \$22,225. Prozzo said the remainder of the cost for the cameras will be paid out of his current budget. Both of the grants must still be approved and accepted by the county commissioners, according to Prozzo.

"They've been very supportive in past years," Prozzo said.